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## CAPE SHORE FLEET.

Will Equal if Not Exceed Last Year's in Number.

Nets Took Fish This Morning at Lower East Pubnico and Yarmouth.

A special despatch to the Master Mariners Association this forenoon from Capt. William E. Morrissey of Lower East Pubnico, N. S., states that 40 large mackerel were taken in nets this morning at that place and that a few were also taken at Yarmouth this morning.

Capt. James Ellis of sch. Nellie Dixon is at Boston this morning, coming from Newport by rail. He reports half a dozen sail of seiners in there for harbor. On Monday night some of the fleet saw a few fish schooling off Montauk Point. He thought most of the fleet had come up from the southward to up off Block island and Long island. It looked to him as if the greater part of the fleet would go to the Cape Shore.

There were no netting arrivals at New York up to 8 o'clock this morning. Yesterday the following netters arrived there:

Sloop Diana, 1800 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Steamer Princess, 2000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lillian, 3000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Eleanora, 2000 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Carrie E., 400 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Sabine, 800 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Marguerite, 800 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Nelson, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Thus far 39 of the southern mackerel seining fleet have come home to rest and it is fair to presume that the bulk of them will go to the Cape Shore, indeed it is doubtful if half a dozen of them return south. In addition to this, a goodly number will go to the Cape Shore direct from out south, being already fitted without coming home. The total number of the Cape Shore fleet is expected to fully equal, if not exceed that of last season, when 53 vessels went there.

Of these latter, one was seized, 12 returned home or south before the fish, which were late, struck in, without fares, while the 40 that remained came home the latter part of June and first of July with fares aggregating 10,702 barrels of salt mackerel and 3080 barrels of fresh mackerel, the bulk of which sold at \$11 per barrel, two at \$11.75 and two at \$12 per barrel.

Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Ralph Webber, stocked \$3427 net, as the result of her recent southern mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$78.50.

## FIRST ON CAPE SHORE.

One Yarmouth Trap Took 18 Mackerel Last Saturday.

Fish Still Schooling Well Out South, and Bad Weather.

The first mackerel of the season upon the Nova Scotia coast was reported taken in a trap at Yarmouth on Saturday. There were 18 large fish in number.

Sch. Saladin is at Newport, R. I., bound home from south, seining, to fit for the Cape Shore. Capt. Spurling said that the fish were yet well to the southward evidently, as Capt. Seavey of sch. Squanto reported them schooling off Five Fathom Bank lightship a few days ago, but it was too blowy and rough to fish.

## To Locate New Fishing Grounds.

On the return of the United States fishing steamer Albatross from the Philippines, where she is engaged in scientific research work, it is the intention of the United States Bureau of Fisheries to utilize the vessel in locating new fishing grounds in the North Pacific Ocean.

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## "THE IRON CHINK."

Famous Fish Cleaning Machine May Be Seen Here.

Inventor Expected To Give Demonstration in July.

A few months ago, as some will remember, there came here from Seattle, Washington, Mr. E. A. Smith, the inventor of the "iron chink," one of the most novel and useful machines of modern times, a machine where a fresh fish right out of the water goes in at one end, skin, head, entrails, fins, gills and all, and comes out at the other end thoroughly skinned and cleaned and trimmed up, ready to cook or salt or ship fresh. Mr. Smith came here in the course of a tour of inspection which included all the eastern and southern states on the seaboard and the Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador. His object was to see if his machine could be adapted to the work here, and also to interest the fish concerns in the machine, which has practically revolutionized a part of the great salmon industry of the west coast.

He went away from here satisfied that his machine would do the work all right, and claimed that it would do it at ten per cent. of the present cost, doing away with the present method of splitting, heading and cleaning fish now in vogue on the wharves.

Mr. Smith has completed his long journey and is now at home in Seattle. As the probabilities are that some of these machines may be installed in this city at no distant date, a portion of an interview with him in the Pacific Fisherman on his return home will be of interest.

In the course of the interview Mr. Smith said:

"New York is a fine city, but the most of the people are blind. They can't believe white folks live anywhere outside of their little old island. I didn't try to do any business there, just knocked around and took in the sights.

"I spent some time in Boston and Gloucester and found every one in the trade thoroughly informed regarding the 'Iron Chink,' through the Pacific Fisherman, which they all read. Your journal has a high standing among the firms in those cities. I estimated that we can clean their fish for ten per cent. of present cost.

"The principal varieties are cod, hake, cusk and pollock and there is about the same relative variation in sizes of these fish as is found in our different kinds of salmon, so that the machine will handle them with no more trouble than on this coast. At present the fish are cleaned by old men, principally sailors whose days of usefulness on the sea are over. They never lose any fish for want of cleaning, but some times the delay is serious because of shortage of cleaners and checks the rapid movement of the fish.

"The business of these two cities is in the hands of a number of large companies, each operating several different plants and at each plant there is an opportunity for a machine or two."

There is reason to believe that one of these machines will soon be seen here, as before leaving, Mr. Smith told a Times representative that he should probably be back here in June or July and would bring a machine with him and set it up to show just what it would do and give a practical demonstration of what cleaning fish by machinery meant. It is said that the firms here were greatly interested in Mr. Smith's "chink," so the day of hand cleaning of fish may be drawing to a close.

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## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Eglantine, south seining.  
Sch. Harmon, south seining.  
Sch. Valentina, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. hake.  
Steamer Bessie Dugan, Rips, 70,000 lbs. pollock.  
Steamer Besise A., shore, 4000 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Reliance, shore.  
Steamer Mystery, shore.  
Sch. Richard, Cape North, 160,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 12,000 lbs. hake.  
Sch. Mooween, Banks, 22,000 lbs. halibut, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Pythian, Cox's Ledge, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Harmony, south seining.

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## Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cts.  
Bank halibut 61-2 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. per lb. for gray.  
Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.  
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4, mediums, \$3: snapper \$2.  
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.25.  
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.50; Cape North cod, large, \$1.87 1-2; medium, \$1.37 1-2; Peak cod large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 to 80 cts.

## Boston.

Sch. Hortense, 5000 haddock, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Dixie, 5500 cod.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 7000 cod.  
Sch. Maxwell, 800 haddock, 3500 cod.  
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.  
Sch. Seaconnet, 2000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 2000 haddock, 24,000 cod.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 7000 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Haddock, \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75 to \$1.87 1-2.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Monitor sailed from Canso, N. S., Saturday.  
Sch. Georgianna and three Gloucester vessels passed north by Port Mulgrave Saturday.

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## MACKEREL SCHOOLS

Reported on Cape Shore Monday by Sch. Mooween.

Fish Were Seen Off Beaver Island and Halifax.

Capt. Daniel McDonald of sch. Mooween, which arrived home yesterday from a fresh halibut trip, reports seeing schools of mackerel on the Cape Shore.

Capt. McDonald reports that five schools were seen in all, and one of them he saw himself and is positive the fish are mackerel, the vessel going right through the school and splitting it.

The fish were seen Monday 22 miles off Beaver and the last one 30 miles southeast by south from Halifax. In shore there was not a sign of fish, but off shore from 22 to 30 miles off, the water had an oily look and the fish could be smelled plainly.

From this it is evident that the fleet to the Cape Shore will be none too early.

The netters landed 200 large mackerel at Edgartown, on Tuesday.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan is at New York this morning with 1600 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, Capt. John A. McKinnon, stocked \$5034 net, as the result of her recent southern seining trip, the crew sharing \$93.64.

## SAW BANKERS.

Some of Fleet Were Doing Well Off St. Paul's Island.

Capt. Daniel McDonald of sch. Mooween reports speaking the fresh halibuters Cavalier and Margaret off St. Paul's island recently. Also there were the salt bankers Maggie and May, Athlete and Harry A. Nickerson. Sch. Maggie and May was doing well on her fresh baiting. Off Scatterl Capt. McDonald spoke sch. Thomas S. Gorton on good fishing.

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## Cannot Raise Lobsters on the Pacific.

The California Fish Commission has become discouraged over the failure of the Federal fish experts at planting and propagating the Eastern lobster in the Pacific coast along the coast of Washington, so the California fish authorities will refrain from making another attempt. Five or six attempts were made out here, mostly in conjunction with the Washington authorities, but none of them were successful.



## TO BOOM ANACORTES.

### Attempt On to Centralize Pacific Codfish Business There.

#### Ambitious Town Aspires To Be Gloucester of the Pacific.

The citizens of Anacortes, Wash., believe that their city presents unusual opportunities for the codfish business, and are about to inaugurate a campaign of exploitation to emphasize the advantages of their locality in this respect.

They claim that it is evident to all who have given the subject careful consideration that it would be highly desirable to see the codfishing interests of the Pacific Coast centralized at one point as are the Atlantic codfisheries at Gloucester.

They also say that Anacortes presents strong claims as the ideal location for the headquarters of this industry. Situated at the head of the Straits of Fuca, vessels can sail directly up to and from her harbor. Excellent sites are available fronting on deep water to be offered on extremely attractive terms. Already two important codfishing enterprises are carried on there, together with two plants to work up the waste products. One of these plants is just being completed at an expenditure of about \$150,000. These people are in the same business on the Atlantic and have established themselves at Anacortes because it presents advantages for their enterprise. The boomers say that the same reasons which impelled them to select Anacortes should influence other companies allied with the codfisheries to locate there.

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#### PACIFIC COD FLEET

#### Numbers Twenty One Large Vessels This Year.

The Pacific salt codfishing fleet this season comprises schs. W. H. Dumond, City of Papeete, Hunter, J. D. Spreckles, Repeat, Czarina, Stanley, Fremont, Martha, Ivy, Otillie, Fjord, Dora Blukin and Ida McKay of San Francisco, Fanny Dutard, Harriet G., Alice and Joseph Russ of Anacortes, Maid of Orleans of Seattle, and Fortuna, Vega and Harold Blekum.

Four of these are at Muga Cove, six in Behring sea, six sea fishing, two at stations and three at Pirate Cove.

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### DOGFISH SWARMING.

#### Pests Come Early and Cover Banks in Great Schools.

#### Many Vessels Have Lost Trawls and Fish Because of Them.

Capt. Jere Shea of the Boston sch. Regina had a costly experience with the schools of dogfish that have already begun to swarm on the banks at this season. He took his craft to La Have and Cashes banks and on both found the dogfish ravenous and numerous. So great were the numbers of the fish and so fiercely did they attack the fish caught on the trawl hooks that in some places they carried off trawls and buoys. Capt. Shea lost more than 20 tubs of trawls in this city.

The fishermen who have been to other grounds tell about the same tale of the ravages of the dogfish, and nearly every vessel suffered some from them either in the loss of trawls or in the loss of fish bit in two on the hook. Even the fishermen who fish on the Rips found the dogfish troublesome.

The Georges halibutermen report it almost impossible to get a line of trawl to bottom before there is a "dog" on every hook. They also say the dogfish schooled around the vessel, evidently scenting their food.

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#### Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Mooween sold to the New England Fish Co. at 7 cents per pound for white and 4 1-2 cents for gray.

#### Good Stock.

Sch. Senator, Capt. John Marr, stocked \$2134.93 as the result of her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$47.12.

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### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Matchless, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Little Fannie, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Dolphin, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Unknown, shore, 7000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Jopiate, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

#### Todays Fish Market.

Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.

Bank halibut 7 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.  
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4, mediums, \$3; snapper \$2.

Salt Georges cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2; mediums, \$1.50; Cape North cod, large, \$1.87 1-2; medium, \$1.37 1-2; Peak cod large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 to 80 cts.

#### Boston.

Sch. Wodan, 500 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 1000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Sheffield, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 5000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 6000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Uncle Sam, 12,000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Alcina, 1000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Helena, 500 haddock, 500 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$1.

#### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Jennie B. Hodgdon sailed from Edgartown on Tuesday.

Sch. Claudia baited at Edgartown Tuesday.

Sch. Gladiator arrived at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

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### TAKEN TO TASK.

#### Pacific Fisherman Attributes Recent Collisions to Carelessness.

#### Believes Steamer's Men Need Taste of Official Discipline.

Speaking of collisions off the Pacific coast, the Pacific Fisherman, speaking editorially says:

"There have been in the past few years several wholly unnecessary collisions between fishing craft and fast steamers plying between Puget Sound points.

We are informed by the trade that many more have been avoided solely by the utmost vigilance on the part of the skippers of sailing craft. A recent instance is very significant as to where the blame attaches for this reckless carelessness resulting in loss of life, vessel and cargo. "Lights not visible" is a poor excuse either in a pilot or an engine driver.

"Evidence nearly always discloses the fact that the lights were in position and could have been discerned by a careful navigator. As in the case in point, however, it seems clear that the steamer lookout was not able or competent to detect the same in time to signal the bridge and consequently an unoffending fishing schooner is rammed and sunk without the slightest justification.

"We are afraid that beyond a doubt the discipline of the steamer flotilla on the American side needs the attention of officialdom. A little interjection of the naval reserve element would not be amiss. How is it that the Canadian Pacific Railway boats are so much better handled?"

After reading the above we cannot help thinking of the loss of Capt. Wilson Spinney, formerly of this port, and others and wondering to what a great extent carelessness on steamers has been responsible for the loss of many, many brave fishermen.

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### MACKEREL OFF HALIFAX.

#### Netters Took 100 Large Fish Off There Yesterday.

#### Large Number of Cape Shore Seiners Will Sail Today.

The boats took 100 mackerel off Halifax, N. S., yesterday and the nets and traps at Yarmouth, N. S., also made small catches yesterday.

The Yarmouth steamer at Boston yesterday had two barrels of fresh mackerel, the first Cape Shore shipment this season.

Schs. Corsair and Annie Greenlaw were among the fleet of seiners that harbored at Newport yesterday. Schs. Slade Gorton and Constellation were also there.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 5472 barrels against 12,604 barrels at this time last year, 8379 barrels in 1906, 13,729 barrels in 1905, 23,506 barrels in 1904 and 27,743 barrels in 1903, up to date.

In spite of the fog and east wind quite a number of the seiners will get away for the Cape Shore today.

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#### BANKERS DID WELL.

#### Four Local Vessels Reported Recently at Port au Basques.

The St. John's, N. F., Free Press of Tuesday, May 12, has the following items of interest to the fishing people here:

"The American fishing sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. James McHenry, put into Bay Bulls Tuesday out of the storm, and remained there until the weather cleared up. She is a comparatively new vessel of 100 tons, and is bound to Hudson's Straits on a fished halibut trip. She carries a crew of 20 men all told.

"When the Portia was at Port au Basques there were four American bankers there, waiting for a change of wind to get north. They have been fishing on the Rose Blanche grounds for some time, and have done fairly well, using frozen squid for bait, which they brought along from Gloucester. The schs. and their catches are:

"Arcadia, Capt. Robert Keefe, 120,000 lbs.

"Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, 110,000 lbs.

"Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Charles Rudolph, 100,000 lbs.

"Athlete, Capt. LeRoy Spinney, 100,000 lbs.

"They are now bound to the Gulf to finish their first long trip."

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#### YARMOUTH TRAPS

#### Took 175 Large Mackerel on Wednesday.

The traps at Yarmouth, N. S., are reported to have taken 175 mackerel on Wednesday.

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#### Bait.

John Nagle & Co. advise that there are 150 barrels of herring in the traps at Nahant.

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Sch. Thalia, Rips, 48,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, pollock seining, 39,000 lbs. pollock.

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